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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS ON PAK TONG-SON CASE

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1. KOREAN PRESS MORNING OF JANUARY 14 FEATURES OPENING OF PAK TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN CAPUTO. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS JANUARY 13, CAPUTO SAID PAK'S ANSWERS WERE FOR THE MOST PART FORTHRIGHT AND HAD INCLUDED A NUMBER OF NAMES AND OTHER PARTICULARS. SAYING HE FELT "DISGRACED BY THE CONDUCT OF HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN OFFICIALS" AND THAT "IT IS QUITE IMPROPER FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS TO TAKE THINGS OF SUBSTANTIAL VALUE FROM A BUSINESSMAN", CAPUTO STRESSED "WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN EXPOSING POSSIBLE WRONGDOINGS BY KOREAN OFFICIALS AND OUR INTEREST IS EXCLUSIVELY IN WRONGDOINGS BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS". HE SAID HOWEVER THAT THE FRASER COMMITTEE MIGHT BE MORE INTERESTED IN PAK'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. CAPUTO ALSO INDICATED HE WAS "INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED HERE IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENOUGH FOR THE U.S. HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE'S PURPOSES" AND THAT SECRET TESTIMONY ALONE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH.

2. ALTHOUGH CIVILETTI DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE PROCEEDINGS, HANKUK ILBO QUOTE AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE AS INDICATING THE QUESTIONING CONCERNED THE 36 POINTS

OF PAK TONG-SON'S INDICTMENT AND HAD BEEN MARKED BY
"CONSISTENT COOPERATION AND A BENEFICIAL ATMOSPHERE".
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